

policy is really 20 days, I don't know if it's written or unwritten. So at this time I don't really see a need for this amendment. So, without any objection, I'll withdraw the amendment.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you, it is withdrawn.

CLERK: I have nothing further on the bill, Mr. President.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you. To the bill, Senator Weihing.

SENATOR WEIHING: Mr. President and members of the Legislature, the National Restaurant Association estimates that more than 45 billion meals are eaten in restaurants and school and work cafeterias annually, and that on an average each person eats out about 192 times a year. Now this becomes a very, very important fact to us. We've changed from being around the home dining room table to that of being...of having much of our food intake, our nutrition within the restaurants. Now Dr. McManus, who is a professor at the University of Nebraska Medical Center, stated in the hearing on LB 54 that over half of the people in this country have a blood cholesterol level that is unhealthy. I don't know exactly what level he was using, but we have certainly become aware of this. The most important component in causing the rise of the cholesterol level, which in turn causes cardiac problems, the most important component is highly saturated oil, fats in oils. And within our food, and we go to the restaurants, the restaurants are very good to let us know what kinds of foods they have. They oftentimes let us know a considerable amount about the food and the nutrition value and where it fits into our diet. The one area that has been neglected, I shouldn't really maybe use that word, overlooked, perhaps I should say overlooked, have been the oils. This, I'm sure, is because we have become aware of the problem that certain oils present within our diet, the problem of development of cholesterol. This bill, LB 54, would simply require that the restaurants let us know what oils they use within their cooking. It certainly wouldn't divulge any of their recipes. Those proprietary recipes are theirs, it's just so that we know what kind of oils they are using within their kitchen, because we will be taking...having that intake from those particular oils. There are a considerable number of people who need to know that because they already have cholesterol levels that are much too high. It is the objective of this bill to make it known to the public the oils that are being used. We wish to have it in a